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THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) and (b) There is no such proposal before the Government for bifurcation of the Department of Agricultural Research and Education and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

Consumption of Fertilizers

3806. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that consumption of fertilizers has increased during the last three years;

(b) if so, the domestic consumption of fertilizers in each State during each of the last three years; and

(c) the details of steps taken by Government to meet the growing demand of different kinds of fertilizers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) State-wise consumption of fertilizers in nutrients terms (N+P+K) during the years 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 is given in the statement attached. (See below).

(c) The policy of the Government is to achieve maximum self sufficiency in nitrogenous fertilizers. In the case of phosphates, the paucity of domestic raw material constraints the attainment of higher degree of self sufficiency. Recognizing this, a deliberate policy mix has been adopted to insure availability through domestic production as well as imports.

For increasing domestic production of fertilisers, following incentives are offered in the country:

- (i) Normally no industrial licence is required for setting up a fertilizer plant;
- (ii) Concessional basic customs duty on import of capital goods for setting up of new plants/modernisation of existing units;

- (iii) Deemed export benefits to indigenous suppliers of capital goods to fertilizer projects provided such supplies are made under the procedure of international competitive bidding;
- (iv) Nominal duty on import of fertilizer raw materials and intermediates;
- (v) Reasonable return on investment to the entrepreneurs under the Retention Price-cum-subsidy Scheme at present applicable to urea; and
- (vi) For decontrolled fertilizers, a Concession Scheme is being implemented.

Statement

Consumption of fertilizers in terms of nutrients (N+P+K) during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001

(‘000 tonnes)

S. No.	State/UT	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001 (Estimated)
SOUTH ZONE				
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2007.92	2118.63	2093.04
2.	Karnataka	1148.79	1271.88	1260.41
3.	Kerala	181.49	211.36	188.72
4.	Tamil Nadu	950.89	1051.94	972.15
5.	Pondicherry	21.80	23.32	22.93
6.	A & N Islands	0.48	0.63	0.56
7.	Lakshadweep	0.00	0.01	0.00

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S. No.	State/UT	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001 (Estimated)
WEST ZONE				
8.	Gujarat	1019.66	965.61	784.37
9.	Madhya Pradesh	1225.74	1201.09	912.77
10.	Chhattisgarh			25.00
11.	Maharashtra	1661.00	1930.40	1529.7
12.	Rajasthan	727.13	817.26	668.70
13.	Goa	6.93	7.28	6.11
14.	Daman & Diu	0.39	0.36P	0.33
15.	D&N Haveli	1.07	1.15	0.97
NORTH ZONE				
16.	Haryana	838.39	901.80	935.36
17.	Punjab	1375.27	1447.39	1338.10
18.	Uttar Pradesh	3091.53	3275.97	3018.97
19.	Uttaranchal			50.90
20.	Himachal Pradesh	38.55	37.34	40.57
21.	Jammu & Kashmir	70.84	62.71	71.18
22.	Delhi	15.46	19.59	7.62
23.	Chandigarh	0.30	0.24	0.09
EAST ZONE				
24.	Bihar	894.99	985.60	984.17
25.	Jharkhand			
26.	Orissa	299.17	360.08	349.57
27.	West Bengal	1077.94	1231.76	1135.89

S. No.	State/UT	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001 (Estimated)
NORTH EAST ZONE				
28.	Assam	78.10	110.11	151.37
29.	Tripura	9.76	8.91	8.46
30.	Manipur	17.09	18.67	22.94
31.	Meghalaya	4.34	3.97	3.93
32.	Nagaland	0.80	0.88	0.83
33.	Arunachal Pradesh	0.60	0.60	0.61
34.	Sikkim	0.92	0.89	0.88
35.	Mizoram	1.15	2.26P	1.44
36.	Tea Board (NE)	28.98		
	All India	16797.47	18069.69	16588.64

P=Provisional * =Included in Assam & West Bengal
 # =Included in Bihar

Funds for horticulture promotion

†3807. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 7 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th February, 2000 and state the details of funds provided to various States in the country for promoting horticulture during the last three years and the details of action taken for utilisation thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): The details of funds provided to various State Governments for promoting horticulture during the last three years are as follows:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.